

Appendix 1. Conversions Between Imperial and Metric Measures

To convert any item listed along the left margin of a table to the item heading a column, multiply by the factor at the intersection of the row and column. For example, to convert 850 kilograms into pounds, the factor in Table 3 is 2.205, hence the answer is 1,874 pounds.

Table 1. Metric prefixes and corresponding mathematical factor.

Prefix	Abbreviation	Factor
exa	E	10^{18}
peta	P	10^{15}
tera	T	10^{12}
giga	G	10^9
mega	M	10^6
kilo	k	10^3
hecto	h	10^2
deka	da	10^1
deci	d	10^{-1}
centi	c	10^{-2}
milli	m	10^{-3}
micro	μ	10^{-6}
nano	n	10^{-9}
pico	p	10^{-12}
femto	f	10^{-15}
atto	a	10^{-18}

Table 2. Useful ratios.

From	To	Multiply by
kg/m^3	lb/ft^3	0.062428
m^3/tonne	$\text{ft}^3/\text{ton (short)}$	32.037
m^3/ha	ft^3/acre	14.2913
joule/kg	Btu/lb	0.0004296
lb/ft^3	kg/m^3	16.0185
$\text{ft}^3/\text{ton (short)}$	m^3/tonne	0.031214
ft^3/acre	m^3/ha	0.0699725
Btu/lb	joule/kg	2,326

Table 3. Conversion factors for mass and weight.

	mg	g	kg	tonne	oz (fluid)	lb	ton (short)	ton (long)
mg	1	0.001	1×10^{-6}	1×10^{-9}	3.527×10^{-5}	2.205×10^{-6}	1.103×10^{-9}	0.984×10^{-9}
g	1,000	1	0.001	1×10^{-6}	0.03527	0.002205	1.103×10^{-6}	0.984×10^{-6}
kg	1×10^6	1,000	1	1×10^{-3}	35.27	2.205	1.102×10^{-3}	0.984×10^{-3}
tonne	1×10^9	1×10^6	1,000	1	35.270	2.205	1.103	0.9844
oz (fluid)	2.835×10^4	28.35	0.02835	2.83×10^{-6}	1	0.06250	3.125×10^{-5}	2.79×10^{-5}
lb	4.536×10^5	453.5	0.4535	4.535×10^{-4}	16	1	0.0005	4.464×10^{-4}
ton (short)	9.072×10^8	9.072×10^5	907.2	0.9066	3.2×10^4	2,000	1	0.8929
ton (long)	10.16×10^8	10.16×10^5	1,016	35,840	2,240	1,120	1	1

Table 4. Conversion factors for length and distance.

	mm	cm	m	km	in	ft	yd	mi
mm	1	0.10	0.001	1×10^{-6}	0.03937	0.003281	0.001094	6.214×10^{-7}
cm	10	1	0.01	1×10^{-5}	0.3937	0.03281	0.01094	6.214×10^{-6}
m	1,000	100	1	0.001	39.27	3.281	1.094	6.214×10^{-4}
km	1×10^6	1×10^5	1,000	1	39,370	3,281	1,094	0.6214
in	25.40	2.540	0.02540	2.540×10^{-5}	1	0.08333	0.02778	1.578×10^{-5}
ft	304.8	30.48	0.3048	3.048×10^{-4}	12	1	0.333	1.894×10^{-4}
yd	914.4	91.44	0.9144	9.144×10^{-4}	36	3	1	5.682×10^{-4}
mi	1.609×10^6	1.609×10^5	1,609	1,609	63,360	5,280	1,760	1

Table 5. Conversion factors for area.

	cm^2	m^2	km^2	ha	in^2	ft^2	yd^2	mi^2	acre
cm^2	1	0.0001	1×10^{-10}	1×10^{-9}	0.1550	0.001076	0.0001196	3.861×10^{-11}	2.471×10^{-8}
m^2	10,000	1	1×10^{-6}	0.0001	1,550	10.76	1.196	3.861×10^{-7}	2.471×10^{-4}
km^2	1×10^{10}	1×10^6	1	100	1.550×10^9	1.076×10^7	1.196×10^6	0.3861	247.1
ha	1×10^8	10,000	0.01	1	1.550×10^7	1.076×10^5	1.196×10^4	3.861×10^{-3}	2.471
in^2	6,452	0.0006452	6.452×10^{-10}	6.452×10^{-8}	1	0.006944	0.0007716	2.491×10^{-10}	1.594×10^{-7}
ft^2	929.0	0.09290	9.290×10^{-8}	9.290×10^{-6}	144	1	0.1111	3.587×10^{-8}	2.296×10^{-5}
yd^2	8,361.3	0.8361.3	8.361×10^{-7}	8.361×10^{-5}	1,296	9	1	3.228×10^{-7}	2.066×10^{-4}
mi^2	2.590×10^{10}	2.590×10^6	2,590	259.0	4.014×10^9	2.788×10^7	3.098×10^6	1	640
acre	4.047×10^7	4.047×10^3	0.004047	0.4047	6.273×10^6	43,560	4.840×10^3	0.001563	1

Table 6. Conversion factors for geometric volume.

	mm^3	cm^3	m^3	in^3	ft^3	yd^3
mm^3	1	0.001	1×10^{-9}	6.102×10^{-5}	3.531×10^{-8}	1.308×10^{-9}
cm^3	1,000	1	1×10^{-6}	0.00102	3.531×10^{-5}	1.308×10^{-6}
m^3	1×10^9	1×10^6	1	6.102×10^4	35.315	1.308
in^3	1.639×10^4	16.39	1.639×10^{-5}	1	5.787×10^{-4}	2.143×10^{-5}
ft^3	2.832×10^7	2.832×10^4	0.02832	1,728	1	0.03704
yd^3	7.645×10^8	7.645×10^5	0.7645	46,656	27	1

Table 7. Conversion factors for volume and capacity.

	cm^3	L	in^3	ft^3	oz (fluid)	pt	qt	gal
cm^3	1	0.001	0.06102×10^{-5}	0.03381×10^{-5}	0.002113	0.001057	0.0002642	
L	1,000	1	61.02	0.03531×10^{-4}	33.81	2.113	1.057	0.2642
in^3	16.39	0.01639	1	5.787×10^{-4}	0.5540	0.03463	0.01732	0.004329
ft^3	28.320	28.32	1,728	1	957.5	59.85	29.92	7.481
oz (fluid)	29.57	0.02957	1,805	0.001044	1	0.06250	0.03125	0.007812
pt	473.2	0.4732	28.88	0.01671	16	1	0.5	0.1250
qt	946.4	0.9464	57.75	0.03342	32	2	1	0.25
gal	3,785	3.785	231.0	0.1337	128	8	4	1

Table 8. Energy conversions.

	Btu	erg	foot-lb	gram calories	hp-hr	joule	kilogram calories	kilogram meters	kilowatt hours
Btu	1	1.0550×10^{10}	778.3	252.0	3.931×10^{-4}	$1.054.8 \times 10^{-7}$	0.2520	107.5	2.928×10^{-4}
erg	9.480×10^{11}	1	7.367×10^{-8}	0.2389×10^{-7}	3.7250×10^{-14}	2.389×10^{-11}	1.020×10^{-8}	0.2778×10^{-13}	
foot - lb	1.286×10^{-3}	1.356×10^7	1	0.3238	5.050×10^{-7}	1.356	3.24×10^{-4}	0.1383	3.766×10^{-7}
gram calories	3.9685×10^{-3}	4.1868×10^7	0.0880	1	1.5596×10^{-6}	4.1858	10^{-3}	0.4270	1.1630×10^{-6}
hp - hr	2.547	2.6845×10^{13}	1.98×10^6	641,190	1	2.684×10^6	641.1	2.737×10^5	0.7457
joule	9.480×10^{-4}	10^7	0.7376	0.2389	3.7258×10^{-7}	1	2.389×10^{-4}	0.1020	2.778×10^{-7}
kilogram calories	3.968	4.1868×10^{10}	3,088	1,000	1.560×10^{-3}	4,186	1	426.9	1.163×10^{-3}
kilogram meters	9.294×10^{-3}	9.804×10^7	7,233	2,342	3.6536×10^{-6}	9,804	2.342×10^{-3}	1	2.723×10^{-6}
kilowatt hours	3,413	3.600×10^{13}	2.655×10^6	859,850	1,341	3.6×10^6	8,690.5	3.671×10^5	1

Temperature Formulas: Celsius (Centigrade) = $5/9$ Fahrenheit - 32
Fahrenheit = $9/5$ Celsius + 32
Kelvin = Celsius - 273.15
Celsius = Kelvin + 273.15

